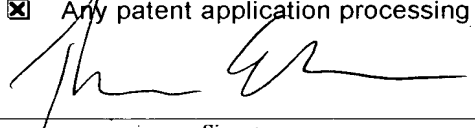



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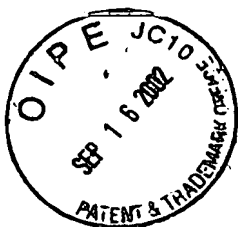
<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>RAG-14302/08</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Michel Bremont et al.</b>					
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Invention: <b>TUBULAR COUPLING ELEMENT FOR PRODUCING A GLUED JOINT WITH A FLUID LINE</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$168.00</b> to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>07-1180</b> A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.					
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract previously filed with the new abstract submitted herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification submitted herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-6.

Please add new claims 7-18 as follows:

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